Please type	a plus	sign (+) A t your \$\lambda	Pater	nt and Trade	mark Office U	J.S. DEPAR	TMENT OF COM	MERCE
1449/PTO	(S. Ip	epartment of	Commerce	Application		: 10/686,760	
	,	Patti	and Tradem	ark Office	Filing Dat	c	: October 15, 200	3
		\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\					: M. HORIE	
INFOR	MAT	IQMITTE STATE	RE		Group Art		: 2653	
STATE	MEN	T BY APPLICA	NT		Examiner		:	
			141				: SAN 18.676A	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Sheet	<u> </u>	<u> </u>			Attorney	DOCKET 140.	. 5/11 10.070A	
			U.S. PA	TENT D	OCUMEN	TS		
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document	Kind Code if known ²	Name of Pa Document	tentee or Applica	ant of Cited	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
			}				***************************************	
			ļ					
			 -					
			<u> </u>					ļ
	<u> </u>							
		FC	REIGN	PATEN	DOCUM	ENTS		
Examiner Initials	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Docum Office ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ³ (if kno			of Patentee or A Document	pplicant of	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
TT		10-172149	JР	RICO	OH CO LTD).	06-26-1998	
TT		10-003697	JР		RP CORP	•	01-06-1998	
TT		61-005442	JP	MAT	SUSHITA EL CO LTD	ECTRIC	01-11-1986	
					CULID			
								
								
								·
	OT	HER PRIOR AF	RT - NON	PATEN	T LITER	ATURE	DOCUMENT	rs
Examiner Initials	Cite No.¹	Include name of the aut the item (book, magaz	hor (in CAPIT zine, journal, s	AL LETTERS erial, symposi	S), title of the art	ticle (when ap .), data, page(propriate), title of	Applicant check here if English language translation attached
								
Examiner	. T							
Signature		/Thang Tra	n/		Date Considered		06/20/2006	

Signature /Tnang Tran/ Considered 06/20/2006

Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw a line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. Unique citation designation number. ³ See smached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. ³ Enter Office that Issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.1). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the region of the Emperor massir precede the serial number of the patent document. ³ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.1. ⁴ if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a chock mark here if English language Translation is statebed. Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take .2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Office, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of Information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

84103705_42

/o``	7 2006 S			
40	please tyler a plus sign (+) → +	Patent and Trademark Office 1	J.S. DEPARTMENT	OF COMMERCE
13	1449/P 35	U.S. Department of Commerce	Application No.	: 10/686,760
WAY IN	1449/P8 THE FORMATION DISC STATEMENT BY APP	Patent and Trademark Office	Filing Date	: October 15, 2003
	FIN FORMATION DISC	LOSURE	First No. of France	M HODIE
	STATEMENT DV ADD	LICANT	First Named Invent	or: M. HUKIE
	STATEMENT DI AFF	LICANI	Group Art Unit	:
	Sheet 1 of 1		Examiner Name	:
		. <u></u>	Attorney Docket N	o. : SAN 18.676A

		<u>U.S</u>	. PATENT	DOCUMENTS		-
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document	Kind Code if known ²	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD- YYYY	Pages, Columns Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		F	OREIGN I	OCUMENTS		

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document Office ³ Number ⁴ Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Country	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YY/Y	Pages, Columns Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
TT		0 893 794 A2	EP	SONY CORP	01-27-1999	
TT		9-231612	JP	SONY CORP	09-05-1997	

Other Prior Art-Non Patent Literature Documents

Examiner Initials	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL I appropriate), title of the item (book, magaz data, page(s), volume-issue number(s), pub	Applicant check here if English language translation attached		
	View	Communication Pursuant to Article 96(2) I	EPC dated April 8, 2004 A pril 13, 2004, with translated	ion provided	x
Examiner Signature		/Thang Tran/	Date Considered	06/20	/2006

'Unique citation designation number. 'See anached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. 'Enter Office that Issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.1). 'Per Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must procede the serval number of the patent document. 'Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.1' if possible. 'Applicant is to place a check mark bere if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of Information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.